

I. PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of three months, to and including February 1, 2001, in which to respond to the Office Action dated August 1, 2000. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$445.00 is enclosed, which is the process fee for a three-month extension of time. If the check is inadvertently omitted, or should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an overpayment be included herein, the Assistant commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/10017654/MBW01999.

II. AMENDMENT

In the Specification:

At page 16, line 1, please delete "FIG. 7A" and insert therefore --FIGS. 7A-7B--. Also on page 16, line 5, please insert --(SEQ. ID. NO. 99)-- after "N-Toll-4", --(SEQ. ID. NO. 6)-- after "rat TLR-4", and --(SEQ. ID. NO. 2)-- after "human TLR-4".

At page 16, line 8, please delete "7B" and insert --7C-- in its place.

In the figures, please delete "Fig. 7A (cont.)" and insert --7B-- in its place. On the page following, please delete "7B" and insert --7C-- in its place.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

38. (Amended) A method of screening for modulators of [an LPS] a lipopolysaccharide mediated response comprising the steps of:

- a) obtaining a TLR-4 polypeptide;
- b) determining a standard activity profile of the TLR-4 polypeptide;